

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

## In re Patent Application of

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLING A SHIFT  
OPERATION IN AN AUTOMATIC  
TRANSMISSION AND A METHOD  
OF DESIGNING THE SAME

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## AMENDMENT

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**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.